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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**INDIANA MAN SENTENCED FOR COUNTERFEITING**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that CHARLES RICHARD TUNGATE, JR., 34, Westport, Indiana, was sentenced to 27 months imprisonment yesterday by U.S. District Judge Sarah E. Barker following his guilty plea to counterfeiting, following an investigation by the United States Secret Service and the North Vernon Police Department.

The facts presented indicated that in October 2005, TUNGATE did falsely make, forge, and counterfeit numerous Federal Reserve Notes of the United States. TUNGATE manufactured \$30,000 worth of various denominations of currency using equipment at VMV Toolings, where he was employed. The tooling business is located at the former Jefferson Proving Grounds site in Jennings and Jefferson Counties.

According to Assistant United States Attorney James M. Warden, who is prosecuting the case for the government, Judge Barker also imposed a \$1,000 fine and 2 years supervised release following TUNGATE's release from imprisonment.

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